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Let the games begin

NEWARK—NBA Hall of Famer (and current New Jersey Nets executive Willis Reed) joined ERA Real Estate President and CEO Peter Burgett earlier this week at Newark's Military Park to kick off the 4th Annual Newark Games. Together with Newark Deputy Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs Bill Hooper, and dozens of Newark school-kids, they launched registration for the June 5-19 activities. The Newark Games is a two-week long, Olympic-style series of competitions and events that is free to all Newark residents. Events in the first week will take place throughout the city at the Newark Public Schools. During the second week, activities will be located at centralized locations. All are invited to attend the Opening Ceremonies at Newark's Symphony Hall at 9 a.m. on June 5. Several professional athletes and entertainers are expected.

Gregory: black vs. white press

By Jean H. Pierre
Staff Writer

NEWARK—Politics, media, and business were some of the topics discussed at the Priority Restaurant in Newark on May 26, as black journalists, business people and local community activists gathered to hear and see comedian and activist Dick Gregory.

Attendees heard Gregory give stirring observations and praise on subjects concerning blacks that are not covered by the media except in the black press.

"If it wasn't for the black press, we would be in a pool of confusion," said Gregory. "If God had to choose what news to read, he would choose the black press because we know what's going on."

The legendary comic and author has offered audiences a satirical look at the issues of the world for more than 30 years. From O.J. Simpson and Kosovo to Abner Louima and Y2K, Gregory has covered it all.

The distortion of facts to the political forces that run behind the scenes, Gregory has

put his own humorous spin that evokes laughter and deep thought from his fans. He told the audience not to be manipulated by the mainstream press.

"I'll gotta wake up and see what's happening around you," said Gregory. "Look carefully at what you see, hear, and listen to. Don't let them pull one over on you."

Gregory mentioned, for example, the late U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ronald Brown, who Gregory alluded to as being fatally shot in the head as opposed to being killed by the plane crash in Bosnia in 1996, which supposedly caused his death. Gregory displayed pictures he said show the interior of plane barely damaged and Brown with a hole in his head.

He mentioned the CIA's role in the crack cocaine proliferation in Los Angeles. Also, organs being stripped away from black men after they die.

There are hundreds of newspapers and magazines in the United States that target the black community on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. Their stories and features reflect the culture and



Author, comedian and activist Dick Gregory

conscience of black America.

But some have folded due to lack of advertising dollars and/or circulation, said H.D. Stewart, a freelance writer based in Atlanta.

"Though we don't get the ad dollars like our white counterparts, we're still competitive," he said. "It's an issue that shouldn't be overlooked. This is what makes us strong from week to week."

Gregory is a lifetime member of the NAACP and other civil rights organizations, isn't ready to quit yet.

"I'm going to be here until someone takes me out," Gregory said. "I'm in for the long haul until our eyes are open."

A tale of two continents: One European and One African

America has been keenly aware of the tragedy in Kosovo as NATO bombings and continued rain down on already devastated country and civilian life. Even still, the war in Sierra Leone is longer, bloodier, and forcing more people into exile than the one in Kosovo.

It is curious that most national officials and the mainstream media show great concern for the European civil war while African war, remains blacked out. Research by the Rainbow/Push Coalition shows this to be a great and unjustified inequity.

Nature of the Conflict

Both Sierra Leone and Yugoslavia have intra-country conflict. Sierra Leone has more than one million displaced, more than in Kosovo.

As many as 600,000 people are dead in Sierra Leone, more than in Kosovo.

As many as 5,000 to 7,000 people have been slaughtered since January 1999 alone, more than in Kosovo.

Military Response

There is a basic NATO policy of zero risk for an African life. But NATO will risk planes and ground troops for Kosovo lives, in the quest for democracy.

Africa has to provide its own peacekeeping force and military training.

Funding for the African Conflict Response Initiative and the ECOMOG is \$15 million, yet for Kosovo it is \$30 billion and much more has been pledged for reconstruction.

The U.S. Department of Defense has approved an additional \$3 million in draw down fund for supplies.

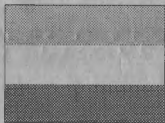
U.S. - NATO alliance is fighting to protect those driven out of Kosovo and not Sierra Leone.

Africa falls within European Command and shares resources. However, the continent of Africa holds 1/8 of the human race, and the U.S., India, China and Argentina could fit within it.

Diplomatic Efforts

Africa has lower level U.S. government representation (ambassadors and assistant secretaries).

Kosovo is being watched closely by the Secretary of State and



Sierra Leone



Yugoslavia

the president, Sierra Leone is not. Nigeria is one of the four focus countries for democracy (Columbia, China, and Indonesia), yet none of these high-ranking officials, including Madeleine Albright, is going there for the inauguration.

The U.S. insists that the U.K. must take a lead on Sierra Leone due to historical colonial ties, despite direct U.S. cultural ties with African Americans. These who come from the

Carolinians, come from Sierra Leone. There are very limited resources available to conduct diplomatic missions in Africa. For example, Rep. Jackson had to travel to Togo in two toy planes, and therefore he could not take the leadership of Sierra Leone with him, while Bob Dole was jetted into Yugoslavia to attempt mediation on Yugoslavia.

Additionally, Rep. Jackson and the religious delegation were forced to drive and ride in a bus to go rescue the three U.S. soldiers being held captive in Yugoslavia. "I wish I had the same opportunity as Bob Dole had," Jackson said.

There was a major lack of media coverage of diplomatic events in Africa, yet there was full coverage of diplomatic events in Yugoslavia.

Economic Assistance

We offer Africa mostly humanitarian crisis response, yet we offer Yugoslavia a reconstruction package.

For Europeans there are peace dividends, for Africa there is a war dividend.

The U.S. - NATO alliance allows for information sharing with foreign leaders.

Cost-benefit ratio

Africa has enough talent, raw materials, political position, and historical ties.

Africa deserves the same protection of international law, human rights, self determination, economic growth as Europe and the rest of the world.

Unless citizens protest, these policies are unlikely to change.

Sheila Oliver fights for seat in primary

By g.e. mutox
Contributing Writer

The fact that Essex County, New Jersey, Sheila Oliver is not being backed by popular demand by the Democratic machine does not deter her bid for reelection — not one bit. The Democratic Party's leadership including Essex County Mayor Robert Bowser chose to bring forth their own candidate, which left Oliver to choose but to run as an independent in the June 8th primary.

The party chairman and Mayor did not necessarily want to "boot me out," Oliver said. "But there was an effort to work something out," which included a situation which would have allowed her to run for an at-large seat. The deal fell through because of conflicting interest across the board, and Oliver found herself the sacrificial lamb, replaced by Recreation Department Director Anthony Jackson.

"I didn't defer to the party's choice because I feel I have a great deal of knowledge, experience and technical competence that can best serve the citizens of District 3," she said. A district, which includes East Orange, South Orange and the West and Central wards of Newark.

Those recognizing Oliver's credentials, which makes her a prime candidate showed their support recently at a fundraiser for her election campaign held at Nippy's Restaurant in South Orange — an eatery specializing in Southern cuisine.

Allan Barnhardt, currently



Freelancer Sheila Oliver (center) stands between her parents

Councilman-at-Large in the town of Orange, who is also running for Freholder-at-Large on the Republican ticket is an Oliver supporter and friend. In those early days, both worked with strengthening economic development in the area.

Sheila Oliver has about 20 years, he said. "She's about uplifting people and educating people so they can stay up — not just handing them something."

The strength Oliver has is grounded in a life-long passion for community activism. Currently, she is President and CEO of the Urban Center for Public/Private Partnerships, a private, non-profit organization that provides technical assistants to service providers in all aspects of non-profit management. She is also a member of the East Orange Board of Education, and takes credit for obtaining \$1.2 million in federal funding made available for school districts to be wired for technology. Her service on the Essex County Board of Chosen Freemen is an important part of all the work she does. Oliver wants to continue making people whole and empowered. She will not be denied.

Is Race 'Digital Divide' Worrisome or Self-Correcting?

By Paul Shepard

WASHINGTON (AP)—At this embryonic stage of the Internet's development, no one disputes figures showing minorities trailing whites in computer ownership, cyber-access and Internet know-how. But the impact of the "digital divide" is a matter of dispute between some Internet experts and civil rights advocates.

Some, like B. Keith Fulton of the National Urban League, see the gap as a sign that minorities might find themselves relegated to second-class citizenship in cyberspace due to a lack of computer aptitude.

"We are talking about the new information age and heart of a new economy," said Fulton.

director of technical programs and policy for the civil rights group. "The ramifications are enormous in terms of jobs and where minorities will be in the new millennium."

But E. David Ellington, a founder and president of one of the Internet's most popular black-directed sites, believes it's too early to fret over the paucity of blacks and Hispanics on the Internet.

"I'm tired of how I see this issue being positioned in the media, of black folks being perceived as in need and not having with the computer age," said Ellington, founder of a San Francisco company that runs the popular NetNoir Web site.

"We are less than five years into the Internet age. Look at

how minorities have embraced pager or telephone or cable technology," Ellington said. "Black folks will embrace the technology of the Internet as soon as it becomes more relevant to our lives."

Government data illustrate the gap.

A Commerce Department report showed that whites are more than twice as likely to own home computers as blacks or Hispanics, and the racial disparity exists even among families earning more than \$75,000.

Across all incomes, about 41 percent of white families own PCs, but about 19 percent of black and Hispanic families do. The report, called "Falling through the Net II," said about 76 percent of white families with incomes over \$75,000 own

home computers, compared with 64 percent of black families and the same income level.

A third report is scheduled for release in June.

Most believe that owning a computer is just part of the fight to get minorities online.

"The biggest problem in the underserved community is not necessarily the hardware," said David Eisner, vice president of corporate relations for America Online, the world's largest Internet access and online services provider. "We can put all the hardware in the world into a community, but until it's valued it won't do what. The content has to be what people want."

Towards that end, Eisner said AOL is working on bringing greater organization to the

broad array of topics on Internet sites.

As an example, Eisner said the Web site of the Benton Foundation, a nonprofit group devoted to public policy, children's issues, community activism and philanthropy, has useful information that could win a wide audience but isn't easily accessible.

"We are looking at ways to take that content and make it more easy to use," Eisner said.

Also on the AOL docket are plans to help colleges with large minority enrollments develop programs for students in mathematics, science and engineering, Eisner said.

Urban League's Keith Fulton said the key to getting more minorities on the World Wide Web is to the greater Internet

use to real life matters such as better-paying jobs or higher test scores for children.

"There are huge demands for workers with technical skills. Critical thinking skills are enhanced when children work with computers," Fulton said.

The league became the first civil rights organization to broadcast a program live on the Internet at its Urban Technology Summit last year.

The New York-based organization also plans to build 114 technical education and access centers around the country by 2006. Some of the 65 centers now operating offer free classes ranging from personal computer assembly to using Microsoft Word and Windows programs, Fulton said.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

CAPE MAY — The Cape May Jazz Festival kicks off another year of activities for the whole family throughout Cape May. The festival features pop, folk, and blues music. Plus, a wide array of food and games. Call (609) 884-5404 for information.

FREEHOLD — The 27th Annual Freehold Area AAUW Used Book Sale takes place at the Reform Church. Thousands of books will be on display for the taking. Call (732) 462-0473 for information.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

WILWOOD — The Sixth Annual Education Extravaganza will take place at Morey's Piers & Raging Waters. The event will offer discussions on hands-on education and test taking. Call (609) 729-3700 for time and information.

WHIPPANY — The Great Taste Of Monticelli will take place at the Birchwood Manor. The event offers a variety of samples from 20 restaurants in the state of New Jersey. Call (973) 539-3882 for information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

JAMESBURG — Single Faces, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Fongate Country Club. 9 p.m. (732) 426-2406.

HOLMDEL — FNC Bank Arts Center presents Regels Santa. Call (732) 335-0400 for time.

RED BANK — The Riverfest Jazz Festival takes place at Marine Park. The three day event features the best jazz artist and food in the New Jersey area. Call (732) 741-0055 for time and information.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey International Film Festival takes place at the State Theater. The film festival offers movie buffs the best in films from across the globe. Call (732) 932-8482 for information.

JERSEY CITY — The Parish of the Resurrection in Jersey City presents Carnival '99, through June 6th. 12 p.m. (201) 434-8500.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

PATERSON — The Westminster Presbyterian Church hosts an indoor/outdoor flea market sale. 9 a.m. (973) 345-4825.

MONTCLAIR — The African American Heritage Parade showcases the best in African food, dance and music for the whole family. The parade begins at 11 a.m. at Nighthawk Park and ends at Glenfield Park around 2 p.m. Call (873) 599-4823 for information.

PT. PLEASANT — The Miller Lite Pro/Am takes place at Pt. Pleasant Beach. The tournament displays the best volleyball stars in the world. Call (732) 555-3449 for more information.

SPRINGFIELD — Single Faces, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Holiday Inn. 9 p.m. (732) 426-2406.

NEWARK — The Fashion Dome presents "The Come After Dark" International Fashion Show at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJAPAC). 8 p.m. (973) 242-0444.

PLAINFIELD — School Based Youth Services hosts the Ninth Annual Festival for Kids at Park Madison. Call (973) 602-2882 for time and information.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

MONTCLAIR — Mid American Productions presents the Elysium Chamber Music Series of Upper Montclair featuring Elysium String Quartet at Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair beginning at 4 p.m. (212) 239-0205.

ISLEIN — Single Faces, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Woodbridge Hilton. 9 p.m. (732) 426-2406.

EAST BRUNSWICK — The Quintiduo Garden Gallery presents sculptors Paul Jefferees and Ralph Greco in the production of "Men of Stone and Steel." 1 p.m. (732) 257-4340.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

NEWARK — The Court date for Max Antonio, victim of police torture by Irvington police that left him paralyzed, in a wheelchair, blind in one eye, deaf in one ear, even after 17 surgeries at the Essex County courthouse. Contact (732) 255-8044.

RARITAN — The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce holds its 27th Annual Golf Outing at the Raritan Valley Country Club. 11 a.m. (908) 725-1582.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

NEW YORK — The New York Spartacist League holds a forum on the Tannenberg Square massacre in 1909 at the Club Room. 7-30 p.m. (212) 267-1025.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

WAYNE — Single Faces, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Wayne Manor. 9 p.m. (732) 426-2406.

PATERSON — Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presents a scholarship dinner and dance at Wayne Manor beginning at 7 p.m. (973) 777-4412.

United Way names Miracle Makers of the Year



NEWARK — Alan Bloom, Sister June Favata and Dr. Loretta Long had one thing in common—they were each honored and bore the title of "Miracle Maker" at this year's United Way of Essex and West Hudson's fundraising dinner, "Night of Miracles." As a result of their commitment to improving the lives of children, the Women In Support of United Way are directing the proceeds of this event to Success by Six, the United Way's early childhood development initiatives. The individuals selected as Miracle Makers this year are unsung heroes and heroines who serve our children quietly and without fanfare. The committee wanted everyone to know who they are and to celebrate their accomplishments.

One of these heroines is Sister June Favata, S.C., Administrative Director of Saint Vincent Academy (CVA). Sister June served at the Newark school for more than 25 years, and

continues to provide a strong moral and academic environment for young ladies from the greater Newark community. The second honoree, Dr. Loretta Long, is an educator, consultant, author, entertainer who is perhaps most known for her role as Susan on the internationally acclaimed children's TV series, "Sesame Street." Dr. Long, also an author of children's books, tackles the difficult subjects of "racial harmony and relationships" in her youth publications. She is being recognized for her contributions to our young people, both as an entertainer and as a teacher of children. "Miracle Maker" Alan Bloom is no stranger to United Way and its funded efforts. He became a volunteer in the early 70s, chairing committees that dealt with the pressing problems facing the city's communities. "said Maria Viccarondo-DeSoto, United Way President & CEO, "He was named chair of the United Way Board and served on

the committee, which encouraged recipient agencies to use a collaborative approach to deliver comprehensive services. Mr. Bloom is currently the President of the Association of Jewish Federations of New Jersey and continues to support the United Way. Honorary Chair of the "Night of Miracles" William Freeman, President & CEO of Bell Atlantic-New Jersey, added his delight in joining this important effort in honoring the three individuals who have made a difference in the community. Mr. Alan Bloom, Sister June Favata and Dr. Loretta Long, "indeed, the strength of a community can be measured by the number of people who give their time, energy and financial support to maintain the vibrancy and fabric of their neighborhoods," says Freeman. Volunteers are invaluable to our community building efforts," continued Viccarondo-DeSoto. "We depend greatly on their generosity of time and talent."

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National Briefs

AUCTION BLOCK PULLS MALCOLM X'S DIARY OUT

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The bloodied diary of Malcolm X was taken off the auction block after the family of the slain civil rights leader charged it had been stolen and threatened to sue to halt the sale.

San Francisco-based auctioneers Butterfield & Borerfield said it would hold on to the diary — which is actually more of an address book listing names and telephone numbers until attorneys for the city of New York or the person who consigned the book direct them to send it elsewhere.

The red 146-page diary, worth an estimated \$30,000 to \$50,000, was found in the left breast pocket of the slain Malcolm X, who was wearing when he was assassinated Feb. 21, 1965, in New York. It was last seen publicly as a piece of evidence in the trial of three men convicted of assassinating the Muslim leader.

THOUSANDS MARCH WITH REV. SHARPTON IN CALIFORNIA

(NNPA) — The Rev. Al Sharpton was among 46 people arrested for civil disobedience on May 10 in Riverside, Calif. He joined with over 2,000 others, mostly residents, to protest the recent decision by the city's district attorney not to prosecute the four police officers involved in the December 1998 shooting death of 19-year-old Latasha Miller.

Although the district attorney has made his decision, Sharpton feels that there is still a chance to bring the federal government into the case. "Our plan is hold weekly rallies in order to keep the pressure on," he said. "The FBI and other law enforcement agencies are still investigating the shooting and there is the possibility that indictments can still come."

MINISTER SPREADING THE WORD OF AIDS PREVENTION

(NNPA) — Minister Demetrius Muhammad Sr., who shocked Million Man March participants in October 1995 when he proclaimed he was cured of AIDS thanks to God and Korman treatments, has since married and is the father of an infant son.

"From 1995 to 1998, I have tested negative for HIV every year," Min. Muhammad said. "Everything comes back saying, 'non-reactive/negative' on every test."

Currently living in Pittsburgh, Min. Muhammad is the Fruit of Islam Captain of Muhammad Mosque 22 in Williamsburg. He says he is developing Victory AIDS Ministries to teach AIDS prevention and spread the word about how his life was saved.

In his book, "A Man Who Conquered HIV," he explains that Victory Ministries is "about ministering, going to schools, churches, colleges, anywhere people need to have hope. It's about giving hope, compassion, the message that you don't have to live in despair even though despair is a part of the journey."

FOOTBALL STAR REGGIE WHITE SAYS CITY KIDS IGNORED

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Former Green Bay Packers star Reggie White says inner-city kids have been ignored in the national dialogue on school violence.

He says he wasn't surprised by last week's school shooting in Conyers, Ga., a suburban community near Atlanta. Six people were injured, and a 15-year-old student was arrested.

"This has been happening in inner-city schools for years. And it has been ignored," White said at a fund-raiser in his hometown.

White blames the problem on the culture, media, violent video games, television programs and music.

"This nation is in bad shape," he said. "We think life is good, because our economy is in good shape. But we cannot compare our economy to our morality."

He said the country needs to do more for children of all races. The event raised money for a community center providing programs to inner city youth in Chattanooga, where White hosts a football camp for youngsters each year. White, 37, retired from the National Football League this year after 14 seasons.

Volpe pleads guilty in Louima case

By Beth J. Harpaz

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities hailed the guilty plea in the Abner Louima police brutality trial as a major break in the police department's so-called blue wall of silence. In Louima's old Brooklyn neighborhood, the residents weren't sure it would change anything.

"I think it's just going to be this one case," said Jazz Pilgrin, a young man, sharply after the guilty plea from Officer Justin Volpe. "As soon as it blows over,

everything is going to be back to normal."

Cheryl Olivierre, the mother of two young sons, considered what Tuesday's guilty plea in the Louima assault might mean to her children.

Not much, she finally decided. "I was just talking to a girlfriend who has two young daughters, and we agreed that with boys you have to worry that the cops might beat them up," said Olivierre, standing on the Flatbush block where Louima once lived.

The Rev. Al Sharpton said Volpe's

plea was only the first step in the judicial process.

"New York would be a safer place if everyone engaged in this is taken off the street," Sharpton said. "We will not be satisfied until full justice is achieved."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and police Commissioner Howard Safir said the case shows that New York City police officers now are willing to testify against their co-workers.

But Ms. Olivierre, the mother, said the guilty plea didn't even resolve the

case.

"There needs to be an apology," she said. "They tried to make him look like a liar the whole time. [Louima] needs an apology, and he needs some money from a lawsuit."

Tony Brown, riding his bicycle past the West Indian Grocery, wanted a punishment to fit Volpe's crime.

"They need to punish that cop," he said. "The cop's a human being. How dare he do that to another human being." But Lillian Farley, shopping along Church Avenue in the heavily immi-

grant neighborhood, said Volpe's confession before a judge was just as devastating as any prison term. Volpe faces the possibility of life without parole.

"Admitting it is a punishment in itself," she said. "He admitted it to the world. That's a burden he and his family have to carry."

Outside Auntie's Flea Market, a used-appliances store, four elderly Italian men sat debating the case in French. One of them finally delivered a one-word verdict: "Coupable!"

The translation: Guilty.

Principal and teacher shoot at students Transformation of tainted legacy begins

By Andrew Selaky

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A principal and a teacher opened fire at stone-throwing high school students angered over field-trip fees, killing one and wounding two, police said.

The shootings Thursday at a rural school came as South Africans are increasingly worried about school violence and as the country experiences a crime wave.

"It's shocking because these things you see on TV, now it's happening in our area," said Mandla Mshu, an education department spokesman. "If it keeps happening it will destroy the culture of learning and teaching in our schools."

While the United States is coping with a series of school shootings, violence in South African schools is fairly common. But the latest case shocked because it was educators pulling the triggers on those entrusted to their care.

Police Director Bala Naidoo said students at the nearby manning school outside Scotchburg, an Indian Ocean beach town 310 miles southeast of Johannesburg, shot the equivalent of \$1.60 for transportation for a field trip

but were later told the fee was only \$1.30.

The students demanded a refund for the 30 cents difference, no small amount in a country where at least 40 percent of blacks are unemployed. Most of the students are black, as are their teachers. Race was not a motive.

When the educators refused, the students began throwing rocks at the principal's car. He and several teachers were in the library when the students began stoning it, shattering library windows.

A teacher and the principal then pulled guns and opened fire. Sithembiso Gwanya, 19, fell dead, and two other students were wounded. Naidoo said.

"It was self-defense but you can't condone it even if it was self-defense," said Mshu, who visited the wounded students and the parents of the slain youth.

"The parents of the killed boy were in tears," Mshu said. "They couldn't tell me anything. They were in shock."

The principal and teacher were charged with murder and attempted murder and released on \$160 bail apiece, Mshu said.

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Tuskegee University will officially launch its National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, May 15, during a Commemorative Anniversary Weekend celebrating the 1997 Presidential Apology for the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study.

This is the nation's first bioethics center devoted to engaging the sciences, humanities, law and religious faith in the exploration and amelioration of the core moral issues which underlie research and medical treatment of African Americans and other underserved people. The of ficial launching of the Center takes place two years after President Clinton's apology to the nation, the survivors of the Syphilis Study, Tuskegee University, and the city of Tuskegee for the U.S. Public Health Service medical experiment.

"The launching of this Center marks a turning point in a history plagued by abuse and abandonment, and we have the opportunity to address and ameliorate the terrible legacy of the U.S. Public Health Service Study," said Tuskegee University President, Dr. Benjamin F. Payton. "We are pleased to be able to play such an important role in this critical transition, and to continue the university's longstanding tradition of providing innovative health care solutions from an African American per-

spective.

From 1932 to 1972, the U.S. Public Health Service conducted a study involving syphilitic African American men from rural Macon County, Alabama. No white men were included in the study. Over the course of 40 years, scientists tracked the progression of the disease in the participants without ever telling them that they had syphilis or informing them of treatment options even after penicillin had been proven to be a quick and effective cure. In fact, the participants were actually prevented from receiving treatment. The study was halted only after an Associated Press reporter exposed the unethical methods being employed.

In his public apology May 16, 1997, President Clinton called the study "something that was wrong, deeply, profoundly, morally wrong to our African American citizens. I am sorry that your Federal Government orchestrated a study so clearly racist."

The President announced during his apology the award of a \$200,000 grant to Tuskegee University to initiate plans for a National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care. Since that date, more than \$20 million in grants and pledges have been made to Tuskegee University to help establish and operate the Center.

Through research, instruction and outreach, the Center plans to educate

and train significant numbers of African Americans as professional bioethicists and to expand the knowledge of the field among the practitioners of other professions such as teaching, law, science and engineering, agriculture, the behavioral sciences, and humanities as well as in the critical biomedical fields of medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing and the allied health professions.

Additionally, the Center and its partners seek to reduce racial disparities in medical treatment and establish new levels of trust in the nation's health care infrastructure that will transcend the boundaries of class, race, ethnicity and gender. Dr. Payton noted that a dramatic component of the Center will be a national museum to preserve the memory of the Syphilis Study—so nothing like it will

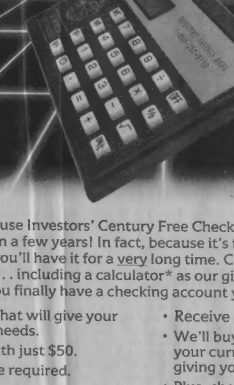
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The heat is on

Schools are coming to a close. Graduation is sneaking up on many high school and college seniors anxiously waiting to enter the "real world." And summer fun is heating up! Well, before everyone starts partying and celebrating, it is imperative that we stay conscious of the world around us. We are on the edge of a nuclear war on an international front. In our cities we are at war with corrupt and racist law enforcement officers who are exploiting the public trust in the people who are paid to protect us. At home we are at war with each other when we sell drugs to each other, abuse alcohol and other dangerous substances, fight between husbands and wives, steal from each other, neglect to demand a proper education in our school systems, do not vote, and when we accept less than equal and human rights.

So to you cross one milestone of your life, be fully equipped and prepared to enter another, less friendly, yet fully possible one. It will take scholars, scientists, activists, politicians, children, parents, educators, grassroots organizations, athletes, community developers, artists, entertainers, etc. It will take a village to raise a child, and it will take the unification of those villages to raise a nation. So let's all do our stretch and apply the summer heat where it's needed most.

Although the road ahead won't be easy, persevere and stay disciplined. Seek knowledge with the same fervor and respect. Interact and exchange ideas with others so you build up the walls of our community. Graduates, you are now faced with another task, but through it all, remember you are not walking alone.

Public schools are failing our children

By Iris C. DiPasquale-Black

The City of East Orange has adopted what they call the Unique Schools. Each school concentrates on particular themes, (i.e. Arts, Music, Science, Product Education). The child has an application to transfer choice and hope to get in. In the Arts, Drama or Music Schools, the child has to audition. If the child does not make out, the audition does not get in. There are at the elementary level. Two periods a day are geared toward the particular theme of the school. The child is in the music school all of her life. She had participated in the choir at school and the sings in a choir in her church. She had to audition for the school this year. She failed the audition because she could not sing soprano. She sings Alto. This was OK for the last five years. She had to audition to attend. She is now attending an out of district alternative school.

There are 28 schools in the City of East Orange and in most of the Schools, by the time the child is in third grade he/she may be referred to the Special Education Department. The child is lucky. In 1996-97, 200 children, 97-98, 400 children, 98-99, 1,000 children were referred to the East Orange Special Education Services for reading problems. More than ten percent of the school population was referred to or in Special Education in 1998-99.

Why? Because of the way work, because families have to eat. Parents are unable to provide quality time with their children. Eighty-five percent of the families in East Orange are single parent homes. Some working two jobs. Some parents are not around to see their children go to school and in some cases only around for the weekend. With the taxes skyrocketing, it is a wonder that families eat if they own homes. In East Orange, for the child to learn, the parents have to teach their child. A child is getting all 'A's' in East Orange, they are only average in the other "better" areas.

Our children are not learning. We as parents have to go out and purchase resources to teach our children outside of school, a good meal, give them baths, help with homework and kiss them goodnight. Help with homework! In East Orange, for the child to learn, the parents have to teach their child. A child is getting all 'A's' in East Orange, they are only average in the other "better" areas.

At a recent budget meeting, parents complained about the system failing the children. They complained about the lack of books. They complained about the amount of children now referred to the Special Education Department who cannot read. They complained about the lack of teacher participation in the child's life to alert a parent of a failing child and the lack of programs to help children. They complained about the lack of support from the Administration in allowing parents to participate in the schools. These complaints brought tears to the eyes of others but were ignored by the Board. They voted on a budget with no input from parents, even though the parents pleaded for a reprieve.

Our children are not learning. Our children are graduating children who cannot read or write. They have dis-

missed children at 16 years old by suggesting to their parents that they will not graduate anyway. Why go on? They have missed the chance to learn for these children to learn and succeed. In some cases there are as much as 33 students to a classroom with one teacher. They are not able to read. They will grow up in this town and die here sowing the seeds over and over again. The city is not doing enough to help children diagnosed with various disabilities, some suspected others created. 1,000 children have been referred to the Special Education Department. The East Orange School System encourages the classification of children there excepts them from State, district and Federal standardized tests that should warrant promotion. Then they slide them through the system, some fall by the wayside, some graduate with high school diplomas and they are unable to read. They fail to give the parent all of the information needed to make informed decisions pertaining to their children's education. Because parents would have the school district accountable and request that their child be educated.

Parents have to fight to get resources that are due their children providing they know what they are because too many will never learn. The resources available. Most parents don't know what their rights are and what they are entitled to. There is a budget protest and for the parents to see the Student and the child never sees it. In most cases the child is locked away in a self-contained class and forgotten about when they graduate illiterate or fail away.

The schools have at least two open house meetings a year to discuss school progress and for the parents to see the progress of the children and speak to teachers. Never is Special Education mentioned. Never have the children been by Special Education Students. Never is there anyone to speak to Special Education Parents. No wonder the parents are angry. Parents rarely attend, some parents not at all. Special Education Students in self-contained classes are not included in the Unique Schools Curriculum. They have no books in many cases no real studies. It takes minutes to get equipment for the child and if calls are not made continually, letters sent out the "higher ups" the child would never get that equipment. Many of the IEPs are outdated and in some cases the children's IEPs are identical although IEP means "Individual Education Program." When the parents asked questions, they were referred to other people who don't know the answers.

In one middle school, the Special Education Resource Room was taken away and the teachers were forced to fit these children in a closet in the back of someone else's class. When the parents complained, the principal gave the teachers a cart to transport their teaching materials as they are forced to find available classes to hold their classes and the children are not in session. The children have no place to call their own. In another school, a bomb threat was called into the school and the school was evacuated except for Special Education because they were housed in the basement and you cannot hear the intercom in the basement.

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By Mike Ramsey

I have often wondered why commencement speakers are usually someone rich and famous. It seems sad that the day of getting starting words from a minister, elected official or other community speaker has almost disappeared. In the modern view, a graduation ceremony is not a religious or community event, it is a "home" speaker is on the platform.

The "politically correct" Hollywood crowd is anxious to tell you how you should feel. But I'd say that the street without their lawyers, accountants, psychics and bodyguards in hand, they do not reverse a common man who sacrifices, sacrifices and often works several jobs so his children can attend good schools. In short, the Hollywood crowd, the pornographic writers, feminists, well paid electric and media moguls, have little respect for parents, ministers, teachers or even Jesus Christ and the Bible.

I'd like to see the day come when a parent makes the commencement speaker. Being a parent myself, it is worth the effort.

Good afternoon, future common man and woman. As you sit before me in cap and gown, ready to charge out and take your place in society, I encourage these simple words from a simple man: there is no sin in being common.

Common men and women are the ones who make the world go round. You are the ones who pay the taxes, elect the leaders, pave the roads and clear the way for you to dream about your dreams.

We are cops on the beat, reporters in the newsrooms, ministers in the churches, teachers in the schools and parents working double-shifts to keep your behinds clothed and bellies full and who dry your tears when you skin your knees. You do not make the world go round, you would like us to shut up so we can raise you, but we aren't going away.

In fact, if you are truly blessed, you will eventually become one of the President ranks raising your children as we have been blessed to raise you - in fear of God, in love of country and knowing that what you do makes a difference.

Your dreams are no different from ours, graduates who have come before you, including myself. On my way to

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Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson and the Civil Rights Era

By Ofeld Dukes

A three-day symposium on "The Legacy of the Sixties," sponsored by the Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) Library and Museum, the LBJ School of Public Administration and the University of Texas at Austin, was held in Austin, Texas, last week.

The symposium was the first of a series of events commemorating the powerful spirit of Lyndon B. Johnson. This was a 30-year reunion of the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson. It was a 30-year anniversary and celebration of a southern president who was intimately connected to civil rights. Several hundred members of the Johnson-Humphrey family of public servants who worked with him and journalists who covered his life were in attendance for the reunion at the LBJ Library and Museum. My invitation resulted from my having served on the staff of Vice President Johnson.

From the opening night's panel on "LBJ Remembered" to the concluding banquet, the symposium was a celebration of Lyndon Johnson, the man focus was on the multifaceted personality, folksy humor, political persuasion, and restless energy that made him a leader in doing as much as he could for blacks, other minorities, the poor, the aged, women, students, and workers in the area of civil rights.

Noted historians Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Denis Kearns Goodwin, and Michael Beschloss described President Johnson as the "finest ally of blacks in the White House," as a "revolutionary who used his great power to advance the cause of civil rights." NAACP Chairman Julian Bond and NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund President Elaine R. Jones, who were in attendance, praised President Johnson's fight for the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as a defining moment in the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

Atty Jones recalled, "I will never forget my conversation at the LBJ School of Public Administration. President Johnson was the speaker who profoundly defined his civil rights goals in that historic speech on June 4, 1964."

Bill Moyers, Jack Valenti, Joseph A. Califano, Jr., Jim Jones, and George Christian had many funny stories to tell about a man who was compassionate and cold and calculating, brave and brazen, urbane politeness and uncertainty profane. They all agreed that LBJ surpassed the social crisis of that time and used his great legislative skills and persuasive powers to pass legislation that helped those from the cradle to the grave.

No, Abraham Lincoln does not come anywhere near President Johnson in pushing and pulling and pushing until the Fair Housing Act was passed by the Congress.

President Johnson's record of remarkable legislative achievement clearly confirms the sentiments of the July 12-15 celebration of his legacy - in that he, indeed, the greatest civil

rights dreamer, I discovered some remarkable things that I'd like to share with you. The first thing I discovered was that God does exist, and His dreams for me through His Son Jesus Christ are a lot bigger than I could ever dream for myself.

The second thing is that your degree is merely a disappointment on an emotional level. You are going to have to work hard to realize your goals. A good name as a common man is better than a big name and a big name is better than a big name.

Finally I discovered joy in being content with commonness. Not everyone will make it to Hollywood, the NBA, the NAACP, Congress or Fortune 500 company. The highest level one may reach is simply to be called "Daddy" or "Mommy." There is no business in chasing a degree, a wedding ring and a career as a stay-at-home mom. There is no shame in giving a wedding ring, heading off to work every day and coming home to a loving spouse. And there is no shame in being welcomed into a God-fearing church being prayed for by other common people.

When all is said and done, it's not the number of trophies on the wall or the number of bank accounts in the world that you need to keep your true worth as much as your ability to keep your thoughts. Your worth will be determined by your ability to forgive and forgive who have wronged you. It's not about getting up when knocked down or to choose to make a little less honestly instead of a fortune by dishonest means.

Some of you are going to use your words, your leads, putting your clients and thinking "I'll NEVER be common!" After the president has won off and on, he looked out at the audience and asked his former teachers why they chose to stay at school. Almost every one will tell you that they were there because they were in being common, because, in commonness, they helped you to discover, discover and take pride in yourself.

Now go out there and be the best you can be. Society needs you now more than ever. And, at the end of offending that world, may God nelly bless your efforts.

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Malcolm X's race for new economic action

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrell

The United States economy is based on the white supremacy of centuries of brutal exploitation of the world's resources and its people.

In this era of history, it is imperative that African people in America, and throughout the world, demand a greater degree of emphasis on our collective economic salvation.

It is in this connection that the 30th Annual National Black United Front Convention will focus on the theme: "Economic Liberation For The Black Nation." The convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on July 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1999.

Once again, the old truth that "black people are the last hired and the first fired" is surfacing itself through out the major employment centers in this country.

It is in this connection that the economic condition of black people in the top of our agenda in the movement for black liberation. Finding solutions to our economic problems must become a major challenge as we enter the 21st century.

In this regard, it is important, once again, to state Malcolm X's economic philosophy of black nationalism. Malcolm said: "we must be re-educated to the importance of consulting the economy in which we live by owning and operating the business in the community we live in and developing some industry that will employ our people."

Malcolm went on to say, "The neighborhoods in which you spend your money become richer or poorer and the neighborhoods in which the money is taken out becomes poorer and poorer. This creates slums all the way across the world."

Finally, speaking on the topic of economic philosophy of black nationalism, Malcolm continues by pointing out, "Even when we try to spend money in our own community we don't. Because we are controlled by outsiders who don't live in the community because we don't know the importance of owning and operating business ourselves. So money leaves the community in a basket at once."

In next to the final chapter of Dr. Charles W. Williams' book, "The Destruction of Black Civilization," he addresses the issue of "Organizing A Race For Action." Dr. Williams explains that this organizing for racial action should have as a major component, "The Division of Economic Planning and Development." He explains that "The Division of Economic Planning and Development should be the foundation of the organized efforts and a principle source of support and promotion of the most important activities of the whole race. A guiding principle should be that all organized community enterprises should be cooperatively owned and controlled by the people of the community and industry enterprise be highly trained management and competent service personnel."

In this connection, Dr. Williams reminds us that we must have a great understanding should be that economic activities are so fundamental in any truly upward movement, so clearly indispensable at this stage in history, that it should be unnecessary to state it even."

It is as we ever to become a free and independent people, we must organize the race for action in the economic arena.

As we must be reminded, over and over again, that African people, in a disproportionate manner, depend on the European and Asian world for their clothing, food, and shelter, that not, the European and Asian world are the producers, processors, distributors, and wholesalers. African people are the consumers and waste their money to turn this phenomenon around. See to you at the 20th NBUP Convention.

Clinton a month before the Belgrade mission. In early April she begged for his support of a cease-fire over the Eastern Orthodox Easter weekend. The day after Easter, she was in Belgrade, included some of the Eastern period on the Western calendar (Other Americans had asked, also, for a cease-fire over the Western observance of Holy week).

This is a "prayerful request," she wrote to the president. "It comes from the heart of a Christian tradition that for centuries has held the holy days separate and apart from human conflict and the suffering of war."

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As America celebrates the safe return of its soldiers, we must also see clearly, celebrate joyfully, then join true peacemakers who persist in the hope for a just peace. It is a Christian tradition that for centuries has held the holy days separate and apart from human conflict and the suffering of war."

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TRENTON — The Human and Civil Rights Association of New Jersey will host "Equal Employment Opportunity 2000," a training seminar and workshop on the hottest jobs and company practices in the work force. The event will take place at the Masonic Temple beginning at 9 a.m. (732) 293-1157.

TRENTON — The New Jersey Business and Industry Association hosts the 36th Annual New Good Neighbor Awards Luncheon at the Woodbridge Hilton. 11:30 a.m. (609) 385-7707.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on wills and estate planning at the New Jersey Law Center. 7 p.m. (212) 937-7518.

MONTECLAIR — The Urban League of Essex County offers a class on home-buying. Call (973) 824-9535 for time and location.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

NEW YORK — TEAM Success presents the 1999 Building Wealth Seminar for entrepreneurs and business owners with special guest Les Brown at the Ritz-Carlton. 9 a.m. (212) 509-1200.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

SOMERVILLE — The New Jersey Business and Industry Association hosts its Eighth Annual International Business Conference at Rutgers Valley Community College. 8 a.m. (908) 509-1200.

NEW YORK — WRLS presents the 1999 Black Expo Business Fair. New York at Pier 52. 11:30 a.m. (212) 234-3400.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

ATLANTIC CITY — The Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority hosts the 1999 Specialty Advertising Association Trade Show at the Atlantic City Convention Center. 9 a.m. (609) 449-1725.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

LONG ISLAND, NY — The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors offers a course marketing for the millennium at NYC School Construction Authority. 9 a.m. (212) 435-6506.

MONTECLAIR — Urban League of Essex County offers a course in home-buying. Call (973) 824-9535 for time and location.

LAKENHURST — The New Jersey Technology Council hosts a governmental roundtable and technology tour at the U.S. Naval Air Warfare Center. 9 a.m. (609) 452-1010.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

TEANECK — The Port Authority of New Jersey and New York and The New York-New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council presents 1999 Marketing & Business Expo at the Marriot at Glampointe Hotel. Call (212) 882-2336 for time.

NEPTUNE — The Regional Business Partnership and Continental Airlines hosts its fifth annual small business golf outing at the Jurney Brook Country Club. 10 a.m. (732) 942-4226.

NJ seeking urban developers for financing applications

TRENTON — The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) has opened the developer application process for the fifth phase of Gov. Christine Whitman's Urban Home Ownership Recovery Program (UHORP). UHORP provides subsidy funds, construction financing and home buyer mortgages to encourage the development of a mix of affordable and market-rate single family homes in urban neighborhoods throughout the state.

Using the UHORP program, HMFA works in partnership with commercial lenders to provide construction

financing. For Phase V, the state Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Homeownership Incentive Fund will provide \$6 million in subsidy funds to help finance homes that will be made affordable follow-and moderate-income families.

"Governor Whitman is committed to increasing housing opportunities across New Jersey, especially in our aging municipalities," said DCA Commissioner June M. Kenny. "The UHORP program encourages private developers and lenders to build new homes, and is bringing mixed-income

neighborhoods back to our urban centers."

Since Gov. Whitman announced the first UHORP funding phase in June 1996 HMFA has issued approvals for 68 developments, representing 1,865 new homes that are completed or in development. To date, a total of \$275 million in construction financing and subsidy has been committed over five phases to UHORP, which will produce more than 2,150 new homes and 7,200 new construction jobs.

"Developments approved under UHORP are also eligible for partici-

pation in the HMFA 100 Percent Financing Consumer Mortgage Program, which does not require a down payment for qualified buyers," said HMFA Executive Director Deborah DeSantis. "That means more hard-working families, who often find saving for large down payment to be an insurmountable hurdle, can now become home owners."

HMFA creates and implements programs to advance the rehabilitation, construction and financing of affordable housing for the state. HMFA secures program funding and operating expenses through the sale of taxable and non-

taxable bonds to private-sector investors, and is not dependent upon funding from the state treasury.

Developers and non-for-profit housing sponsors may receive a copy of the UHORP Phase V application by calling (609) 278-7617. E-mail requests, including contact name, mailing address and phone number, may be sent to: UHORP@NHMFA.STATE.NJ.US. The deadline to submit applications for UHORP Phase V construction financing is July 15, 1999. The anticipated award announcement for successful applicants will be in September 1999.

Five things to know before contributing to charity organizations



Dale G. Caldwell

Civic organizations (non-profit organizations) play a critical role in helping residents of urban areas. These organizations have often served as the backbone of the black community in New Jersey by educating, feeding, housing, employing and clothing many of our most needy brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, federal support of these charities has not grown at the rate needed to satisfactorily address these problems. Consequently, civic organizations need the contributions of corporations, foundations and individuals to survive.

I believe that individuals in the black community who have the ability to support civic organizations must make every effort to do so. It is not sufficient to contribute time or money to any charity. If we are seriously committed to eliminating the problems in the black community, we must support effective civic organizations. Unfortunately, many civic organizations that were founded on noble goals have become employment agencies rather than effective vehicles of community improvement. In this column I will share my thoughts on how to decide what civic organization to support. I recognize that not everyone has the financial wherewithal to contribute money to a charity. However, most of us can volunteer our time. I believe that there are five things that you should do before deciding what charity to contribute your money or time to.

1) Decide what charitable activities you would like to support. You may want to support organizations that feed the hungry, educate the illiterate, house the homeless, etc. Do extensive research on the organizations in your area that provide the charitable services that you are interested in supporting. I encourage you to focus on supporting those organizations that focus on addressing the root causes of social problems rather than on temporary solutions.

2) Identify the civic organizations that are providing services in a manner that you like. Not all organizations take the same approach to helping the less fortunate. You should ask organizations

that you are considering supporting those they provide services. Find out specifically how effective they have been in providing needed services (how many people they have helped, how many volunteers do they utilize, etc.). Review the mission statement of the organization to determine if it is one that you agree with. If it is a mission that you agree with find out if the organization carried out its stated mission.

3) Determine how well run the civic organization is. Many organizations have laudable goals. However, the leadership of the organization is not strong. Too often the strength of a civic organization is tied directly to its Executive Director or Chief Operating Officer. Get to know this person and their goals and objectives. Also, find out who is on their board of directors. An impressive board is usually an indication of a solid organization.

4) Find out who and how the organization is financed. If a well-known foundation is one of their contributor's chances are they are a solid civic organization. Call the charity to find out the cost of fundraising. A good rule of thumb is that no more than 30 percent of a civic organization's annual budget should be spent on fundraising.

5) Ask community leaders about the civic organization. Frequently, these individuals have worked directly with the charity or know someone who has worked with the charity. Their perspective can be very valuable. However, remember that politics frequently colors the perceptions of community leaders.

Supporting civic organizations focused on helping the black community is one of the most important things that you can do to give back. If you were interested in finding out more about civic organizations in your community a good place to start would be your local United Way. If you would like to volunteer your time please call the Volunteer Center of Greater Essex County at (973) 676-8899. They can direct you to a volunteer center in your area.

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TRENTON — Sovereign Bank recently announced their commitment to provide at least \$174 million over the next three years to lower and moderate-income residents of New Jersey through financing for affordable housing and economic development projects. The loan policy agreement is between Sovereign Bank, New Jersey Citizen Action and The Affordable Housing Network of New Jersey.

Sovereign Bank, New Jersey Citizen Action (NJCA) and The Affordable Housing Network of New Jersey (AHN) all share a common goal to expand the affordable housing and economic opportunities available to low and moderate income residents in New Jersey. This will be possible through specialized loan products, community development financing, economic development, grants and in-kind contributions outlined in the loan policy agreement.

Many programs exist under the agreement, including a direct affordable loan program that will make financing available to applicants purchasing a property in New Jersey, home improvement loans to help finance home repairs and community development financing to non-profit organizations. Sovereign has also agreed to increase its commitment to do business with minority and women-owned businesses.

Through the economic development portion of the agreement, Sovereign Bank will work with community-based organizations and the minority business community to



Sovereign Bank announced a commitment to provide a \$174 million, three-year plan to assist low and moderate-income residents. (L-R) Jack Killen, VP/CRA Officer, Sovereign Bank; Phyllis Salow-Kaye, NJCA; Diane Stern, AHN; and Jay Sidhu, President and CEO, Sovereign Bank.

finance economic development initiatives. Sovereign will also make \$200,000 available to community-based non-profit organizations involved in affordable housing, community building or community economic development initiatives in local communities.

"Everyone deserves the opportunity to own a home, start their own business, or make improvements on their property. This relationship will assist New Jersey residents who wouldn't otherwise have those opportunities. We're proud of this

partnership as it strengthens our commitment to the state of New Jersey and enhances the success of Sovereign's current and prospective New Jersey customers," said Jay Sidhu, President and CEO of Sovereign Bank.

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Local Briefs

Headless, handless corpse found in New Jersey lake

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A headless, handless corpse found in a New Jersey lake has been definitively identified as that of a Hartford woman who disappeared in October 1997 along with her 4-year-old daughter. U.S. Attorney Stephen Robinson said that the dead woman, Rosa Delgado, was identified through DNA testing. Delgado's mutilated body was found in a lake in Warren County, N.J., a month after she and her daughter disappeared. Duck hunters spotted the remains in three feet of water in Columbus Lake in November, 1997. The lake is in Knowlton, N.J., near an Interstate 80 interchange and the Pennsylvania state line. Nobody has been charged in Delgado's death. Her onetime boyfriend, former Hartford police officer Julio Camacho, has been identified as a suspect. Meanwhile, Robinson said the FBI is offering a \$200,000 reward for information.

1997 Trooper of the Year pleads guilty to official misconduct

NEWARK (AP) — The 1997 State Trooper of the Year pleaded guilty to official misconduct for forcing two motorists he stopped on the New Jersey Turnpike to give him \$110 in bogus towing fees.

Prosecutors dropped four other charges in an indictment against Francis M. Burke in exchange for his guilty plea. Burke faces up to five years in prison when he is sentenced on Aug. 13. He agreed to give up his job as a trooper and will never hold a public job in New Jersey again.

"He just felt that getting this thing behind him was the best thing that could happen to the State Police, to his family and to himself," Burke's attorney, Robert Galantucci, said. Burke, 30, of Clifton, admitted in Hudson County Superior Court that he took bribes of \$50 and \$60 from motorists he had stopped on the turnpike for driving on a revoked license. Burke told the motorists he would not write them up, but that he needed cash to pay a tow truck driver that had been automatically dispatched to pick up their cars, state officials said.

29th Legislative District must choose a successor for former Sen. Lipman

TRENTON — Due to the recent death of State Sen. Wynona Lipman (D-29th), the Democratic County Committee in that legislative district must choose an interim successor to fill her seat by June 14, until a special election is held during the upcoming November general election to fill the vacancy. Division of Elections Director Sharon L. Young said the Democratic and Republican county committees in the district must select their respective candidates wishing to occupy the seat by Sept. 15 to have their candidates' names appear on the general election ballot.

Volunteers needed for Essex County's domestic violence court watch

NEWARK — Volunteers are needed to participate in a Domestic Violence Court Watch sponsored by the Essex County Advisory Board on the Status of Women in cooperation with the Essex County Coalition of Domestic Violence Service Providers. The Domestic Violence Court Watch has been ongoing since February 17, 1999 and will run until September 30, 1999. Volunteers would be asked to gather statistical information through the use of a questionnaire form. At the conclusion of the Court Watch, the data gathered will be analyzed and evaluated by The Rutgers School of Criminal Justice. Contact Joyce Branch at (973) 504-9316.

Union county collecting household special waste

ELIZABETH — Union County Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari announced that the next county-sponsored "Spring Household Special Waste Day" collection will be held on Saturday, June 12, from 8:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Public Works Yard. Call (908) 654-9890.

Malcolm X observance takes an angry turn

By Carl Chase and Gus Simms

NEWARK — Dozens of demonstrators led by the People's Organization for Progress and other groups marched downtown against police brutality on Malcolm X's birthday May 19.

"One of the most appropriate ways to honor Malcolm X is to actively engage in the struggle for justice," said organizer Larry Mann, who has gathered scores of activists state-wide under the banner New Jersey Coalition Against Police Brutality.

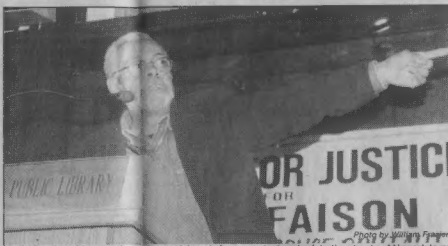
The coalition's demands include establishment of powerful civilian-run police review boards, more African-American and Hispanic hiring by police, racial bias testing, sensitivity training and more promotion of minority officers to supervisory positions. Picketing along Broad Street on a rainy afternoon, marchers demanded justice for Earl Faison of East Orange, New Yorkers Amadou Diallo and Abner Louima and all other victims of police brutality.

Mikki Wilkins, Faison's fiancée, attended the rally. Since Faison, 27, died in Orange last month in police custody after collapsing mysteriously in the hands of Orange police, Wilkins has attended every demonstration she possibly can. "To bring attention to this ever growing problem of police brutality," she said.

Faison was pulled from a cab on April 11 and arrested on weapon charges by police looking for the killer of Officer Joyce Carnegie, who had been killed in the line of duty that night. The medical examiner ruled out blunt trauma as the cause of death, but his survivors have maintained he was beaten to death.

Diallo was killed in a barrage of 41 bullets fired by New York City police. Louima was beaten and viciously sodomized by other NYPD cops, according to court testimony.

Right after the demonstration, the regular Malcolm X Birthday Observance upheld the same theme.



Amiri Baraka addresses the gatherers (above). Angry protestors took to the streets of Newark to protest police brutality and racial profiling (top right). Marchers called for justice for Earl Faison who died while in police custody. His fiancée Mikki Wilkins and his sister Katrina were in tears during the commemorative march for Malcolm (bottom left). Gatherers revered in a moment of silence for Civil Rights activist Malcolm X.



Photo by Gus Simms



Photo by William Freider



Tutors from The CIT Group in Livingston and their fifth grade students from the Chancellor Ave. School in Newark were

CIT volunteers graduate Newark's 5th graders after three year tutoring program

LIVINGSTON — A group of 16 volunteers from The CIT Group and the individual 5th grade students they have been tutoring for three years celebrated their hard work and dedication in a graduation ceremony on May 13 at The CIT Group. The students received graduation certificates and gifts for their efforts.

"The most touching part of this special ceremony was when each of the students gave personal impressions about how valuable the tutoring program has been," said Janet Horowitz, manager of Community Affairs, for The CIT Group. "For our volunteers who have given so much personal time, these comments meant everything."

The tutoring program, which began seven years ago, matches students one-on-one with a CIT employee who serves as their tutor on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. from October through May. In Thursday's graduation class there were several cases where employees had worked with the same student for all three years.

The program is a three-way partnership between (PCC) Protestant Community Centers, Inc., a nonprofit organization, the elementary schools, and The CIT Group. The students graduating on Thursday were from the Chancellor Avenue School 5th grade. The CIT Group will resume its program in the fall of 1999.

Chris Gatling Center wins national award

IRVINGTON — The renovation of the once defunct Irvington Police Athletic League building and its restoration as the Township of Irvington-Chris Gatling Recreation Center last September has earned the municipality one of only six National Community Development Innovation Awards bestowed for 1999.

Beaming proudly, Mayor Sara B. Bost said she believes this is the first time in history that Irvington has received a national award. "We were determined to keep our promise to resurrect the center, which was sorely missed by so many of our citizens," the Mayor said. "We knew we had an outstanding project here, and now it's receiving the national recognition we feel it deserves."

Bost went on to thank Chris Gatling, his family, HUD, and the numerous members of the community who contributed to the building. "This award belongs to them as well as the township of Irvington, the Mayor declared."

About \$425,000 in Community Development Block Grant money, which, administered by the Irvington Department of Community Development and Planning, subsidizes an array of municipal projects, was used to fund the extensive renovation of the award-winning building.

The Mayor and NBA All-Star Chris Gatling — now with the Milwaukee Bucks* for whom he plays power forward — opened the facility on September 3, 1998 — the All-Star player's birthday — in a triumphant, spirited ceremony before an audience of over 500 people, including Irvington residents, ministers and business leaders, in addition to officials from the Newark office of HUD, which oversees municipal community development efforts.

In 1996, Bost approached Gatling, a former Irvington resident, for financial assistance in the township's planned acquisition of the building. Gatling responded with a \$25,000 check in September; he paid \$135,000 for the facility two months later, when financial problems prevented Irvington from further pursuing ownership. Gatling has since leased the building for \$1.00 per year to the town, which maintains the center and administers all programs.

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A MUSIC THING: THE GARDEN STATE JAMS

By Gilda Rogers, Staff Writer

Asbury Park



June 26-27 - The Eleventh Annual Asbury Park Jazz Festival is definitely a Shore thing. This year's headliner is the incomparable keyboardist Alex Bugnon, left, along with blues man Big John Dickerson and Blue Chamber, right, and others. This two-day event gets underway at noon and ends at 9 p.m. The Seacoast Mass Choir, Andriy, and In The Spirit are just some of the acts lined up for Sunday. Down home soul food along with vendors, arts, and crafts are other wowing attractions. Parkway Exit 105 follow signs to Route 35 South to Sunset Ave., right near the boardwalk. FREE!

Red Bank RiverFest

June 4-6 - Folks flock by the droves to one of the most critically acclaimed towns in New Jersey. The festival, which takes place at Marine Park right on the Navesink River is accessible off West Front Street. The music menu for this highly publicized fest is grounded in down home blues and jazz, with over 24 food vendors and local restaurants setting up shop for the three-day event. Well known jazz musician Jeff Lorber will headline Friday's show, which kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Charley Musselwhite will headline Saturday's show, and Sunday's attraction will showcase Jazz-licious Jhadi, Jazz Lobsters, area bands with an avid following, along with headliner Dave Stryker and Blue to the Bone (formerly the Dave Stryker Band). All shows start at noon, with the exception of Friday. For more information telephone (732) 741-0055 or visit www.vintagegardensate.com/riverfest. Parkway Exit 109. FREE!



"The best things in life are free"

Okay so you couldn't make it to Sinbad's Soul Music Festival in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the likelihood of you attending the Essence Music Festival being held in New Orleans, during the Fourth of July holiday, let's say - is not in the budget. This, however, should not stop you from having fun, after all this is what summer is synonymous to - fun. Don't dismay there are other options to choose from. Option No. 1: A seven and a half hour drive down The Turnpike to Route 13 South via Route 64 West will take you straight to "Virginia is for Lovers" territory, and is far less damaging on the pocketbook. Once there check out The 32nd Annual Jazz Festival to be held at the Hampton Coliseum on June 25-27. Many of the same acts appearing on the above

mentioned festivals will appear in Hampton: Chaka Khan, Boney James, George Benson, Patti LaBelle (a regular), Faith Evans, George Duke, Kenny Lattimore, Average White Band, Ohio Players, Kevin Eubanks, Grover Washington Jr., and others. For more information telephone (757) 838-4203.

Option No. 2: Now we're talking totally economical friendly - that's New Jersey and you. This summer the state rocks with a montage of musical delicacies lined-up in various cities, towns, and venues, and the asking price at many of these locales is absolutely FREE! From good old R&B to jazz, blues and moving gospel too. Check out the following shows according to dates - there's sure to be one near you.

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- Jersey City's J. Owen Grundy Pier Park**
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7/1 Hi-Tops
7/8 Crossing Points
7/15 Joel Chassen
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PLAINFIELD — The Educational Task Force of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church hosts an interfaith co-ed basketball tournament at the Plainfield High School Gymnasium through June 5th. 7 p.m. (908) 753-4411

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

NEWARK — M.L.T. Promotion Exchange presents the Gospel Choirs with special guest the Frierson Singers of Newark, NJ at Fellowship Baptist Church. 4 p.m. (973) 504-9655.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

WESTFIELD — St. Helen's Church offers a support group for those caring for the elderly loved ones. 8 a.m. (908) 233-8757.

Positively Black

Rehabilitating
our urban
communities

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

(NNPA) — "Under-socialization, especially for the underclass, is a prescription for disaster. The individual man or woman - who is by way of subculture and personality possessed of impulsivity, disregard of others and high dependency - may be properly described as under-socialized, if not in some cases, outright anti-social. Too many young black men brought into the idealization of low life ethics, fratricide, and debasement of black women throughout history, but especially during the 1980's." — Alabane Michael Osofofi from an African Spiritual Veritas The African American.

The restoration of the people and environment in which the majority of Africans in America reside is our responsibility. We cannot look to the institutions and agencies that instituted and maintain our psychological disorientation and disprive for help or direction.

Today with state sanctioned oppression less overt (although racism remains deeply entrenched in American society) and the government's successful assault upon, undermining and co-optation of the civil rights/black power leadership and movements, the precarious sense of community we once enjoyed has been increasingly eroded. Our communities are becoming battle zones where we murder, maim and maim ourselves for greater access to the police or KKK over did. If we are to successfully transform our communities, we must initiate and practice a new collective value system.

We must make the Nguzo Saba or its equivalent real in our daily lives. We can no longer tolerate the individualism, egoism, self/group negation that permeates our communities. We must raise our consciousness as well as our sense of personal conduct. Slaves did not produce change, actions do. We must actually do and be better, honor our ancestors, ourselves and people. We must reappropriate the American culture of violence and cultivate a new value system — one that affirms our humanity and idealizes actualizing our genetic potential. This paradigm does not exist in Western culture. We must create it by creating whole personalities and families based upon African models of social responsibility. The time to act is now, our survival and rehabilitation depends upon it.

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Facing our spiritual malnutrition

By LaWanza Spears

(NNPA) — "As a man thinking in his heart, so is he..." Proverbs 23:7

Kids killing their parents, kids killing their peers and kids killing themselves. All are too familiar scenarios across this country. And the fact that psychiatrists, psychologists, politicians, and law enforcement agencies have become the foremost authorities on the plight of our youth does not paint a promising picture of our society's future.

The problem is not that little Johnnie is teased by his peers because he's different, or that Alex is depressed and angry because his father is an alcoholic and beats him during his drunken episodes. If we were honest with ourselves and each other, we would redefine "dysfunctional."

All of us have experienced some degree of misconduct or disorder in our journey through life: poverty, an absentee parent(s), physical, mental and sexual abuse.

National training conference addresses black AIDS crisis

NEW YORK—AIDS is now the primary cause of death for black people ages 25 to 44. In response, The Balm In Gilead is offering a special training conference for community organizations and public agencies. The conference, entitled "Partnering With Black Churches In AIDS Prevention & Service," will take place June 12-14 at Ocean Dunes Conference Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The training conference will help prepare non-profit community organizations and government agencies to col-

laborate with churches to provide AIDS prevention and care information to African Americans. Guest conference faculty will include Quirio Ali, faith initiative project officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta; Julie Scofield, executive director of the National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors in Washington; and Jason Walker, program associate of the Public Welfare Foundation in Washington. The Rev. Alphonso Wyatt, associate pastor of Allen AME Church in Jamaica, N.Y., will give the

keynote address.

Conference highlights include an update on the \$156 million federal appropriation for AIDS education in black communities as well as a session called Understanding Black Theology and AIDS. Organizational attendees will participate in special capacity-building workshops in such areas as obtaining 501(c)(3) certification and fund raising. Government representatives will learn methods for achieving cultural competence when working with black communities.

Community organizations that attend the training and meet all qualifications will become eligible for a \$500 stipend toward organizing the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, the largest AIDS awareness program for Black Americans.

"The Black Church is the most important institution in our communities," said Bernice C. Steele, founder/CEO of The Balm. "Church leadership is essential if we are to stop the spread of AIDS among black people."

HIV/AIDS National Assistance Center through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Balm's educational products include the Emmy Award-winning video "Jessie Norman Sings for the Healing of AIDS."

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(l-r): Ed Gibbs, Rev. Bernard Wilks, Rev. Gary Simpson, Rev. David Jefferson, Rev. Delmond Coats, Rev. Edward Harper, John Williams, and Nathaniel Cook.

Local ministry to teach
Christian disciplineBy Herbert D. Glenn
Contributing Writer

While there are over twelve to fourteen thousand juvenile arrests in Newark and 2,600 to 3,000 admissions to the youth detention facilities annually, the Metropolitan Baptist Church was filled with hundreds of male mentors and young men on Saturday May 22. They provided support to a fellowship breakfast that offered leadership and spiritual growth. Held by the Men's Ministry under the direction of church pastor, Rev. Dr. David Jefferson Sr., the group assembled sharing experiences with one another, some joining together for the very first time.

The purpose of the activity was to teach men about the importance of their true responsibilities while educating them about Christ. Through spiritual food and vision, a call for faith was urged from the pastor for men to get involved and discover how to share the word of God. It was also an event to present ways that will prepare young men for spiritual warfare in the new millennium.

"Hardly anyone would deny the fact that our families are being attacked constantly by the adversary," reads the words from a pamphlet distributed to over 300 members attending the breakfast. The exercise was based on a religious theme "Helping men to understand their biblical role and act on their calling," introducing a new generation of leadership standards.

Emphasizing the need to identify with the community through outreach and missionary work, Pastor Jefferson provided an encouraging vision using his influence and knowledge of biblical understanding. He welcomed over 800 male disciples to change their lives for Christ, since becoming the church leader. Each of them is committed to supporting the goals of their pastor. Dr. Jefferson is celebrating his fourth year as under-shepherd of the legendary church once led by the late Rev. Dr. B.F. Johnson.

about, lack of communication or expectation, materialism, racist indoctrination, divorce, infidelity, teen pregnancy, etc.

None of us are immune to the confusion and disorder that is sure to confront all of us at some point in our lives. The problem is we do not know how to endure the teasing or manage the anger because we are spiritually malnourished.

Instead of the messages of hate, death and destruction that we digest on a daily basis through the news and our various sources of "entertainment," we should be feeding on words of hope, love and peace. I'm not dictating what music you should listen to or what kind of people you should associate with, but be mindful of the elements that make up the majority of your diet. What we take in is exactly what is going to come out.

Life essentials can be extracted from not only education and real entertainment media, but also from prayer and reading the Bible (the book I pray

"I want to get more involved," said Rev. Dr. Wyatt during the breakfast. Waters expressed his desire to learn more about the church ministries before making a decision to join. His son, Noah, is a member of the Church Youth Orchestra and plays the alto saxophone. The male members of the group created a small ensemble, rendering most of the music. Ed Gibbs is the Youth Orchestra director. He is also President of the Men's Ministry.

Organizers believe that this breakfast, a historical benchmark for the congregation that has a membership role of nearly 3000, will excite a new interest in Christian Education. Church Layman President Nathaniel Cook explains, "This is going to be successful because we trust in the Lord. He is our guide and our salvation."

The church offers many different ministries centered on building families through church involvement. There are several activities men and boys can take part in which can help to develop a concern for bible related study.

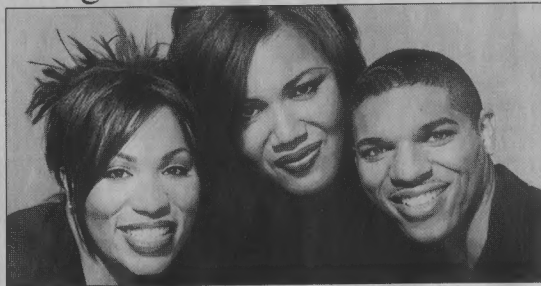
Lee Fisher, Coordinator of the Essex County Youth Services Commission, stood with tears in his eyes as he shared staggering facts resulting from the lack of positive leadership in our communities. "One of the most disheartening things is seeing young men, kids no higher than your waist, in chains," exclaimed Fisher, as he expressed what he mentors. "These children need two four letter words in their lives and they are CARE and LOVE."

The Rev. Dr. Gary Simpson, Senior Pastor of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn NY, was keynote speaker. His message to the mixed group recounted in a call to recognize the type of relationship that God wants men to have as mentors and leaders. Bearing witness to young men testifying, a father and son singing duo and an opportunity to enjoy a great meal made way to a successful affair that will continue to seek ways to make the difference in the lives of boys and men.

by). Just think how different Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold would have been if someone would have pulled them to the side early on and taught them to love and accept themselves and others. They wouldn't have sought to identify with Hitler, and they wouldn't have let an inferiority complex drive them to murder.

There is a difference between a child who is teased but is spiritually fit and the one who is teased but is not. The fit child will be so full of love and peace, that there will be no room to internalize negative feelings about himself or others. The unfit child, however, will absorb the comments because he/she is too weak from digesting too much junk.

In order to cure this malnutrition that is killing us, we have got to be as conscious about the health of our spiritual bodies as we are about our physical ones.

'Anointed' has revived with
energetic sounds from the soul

De'dra Crawford Greathouse, Denise "Nee-C" Walls, and Steve Crawford

They're talking about beginnings. They're talking about starting something new. They're describing how it feels to be on the verge, like the door has just opened to the next level. And to hear the members of Anointed talking like this nowadays, you'd be hard pressed to reconcile what they're saying with the fact that they've already been recording and performing together for better than a third of their lives.

"We were just teenagers in a choir ten years ago," says De'dra Crawford

Greathouse, "but we really felt like God said, 'Look, I want you guys to come together as a group and just watch what I'll do. A lot has happened in those years, but now it feels like we're just getting started on a whole new level. It's like that was all warm-up and now we're standing at the starting line and the race is about to begin."

For De'dra, Steve Crawford, and Denise "Nee-C" Walls, that ten year "warm up" included four albums, four Dove Awards, two Grammy nominations,

four Stellar nominations, two Stellar Awards, and numerous chart-topping singles.

"The way I see it, CCM pop, gospel, and urban music are all in the same house together, they've just been compartmentalized in their own rooms," said Crawford. "Have you ever seen those room partitions that you can just pull back like a curtain? What we're doing is getting rid of those dividers. On our new record, it's all one big room and everyone is invited."

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

CRANFORD — Union County College will offer a course in IV Certification to all licensed practical nurses at the Howard Hall, 8:30 a.m. (908) 955-6032.

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Medical Center will host a conference for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at the hospital's conference room, 9 a.m. (201) 915-2015.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for breastfeeding mothers, 7 p.m. (732) 235-7557.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

IRVINGTON — The Township of Irvington sponsors a community-wide blood drive at the Servicemen's Club, 11 a.m. (973) 959-5545.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for those suffering from Hepatitis C and their families, 7:30 p.m. (732) 235-7557.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

MORRISTOWN — The American Diabetes Association holds a lunch and ride at the UPS Store, call (908) 786-9520 for time and information.

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital hosts a fund-raiser party for breast cancer survivors, their families, and research. The event will take place at the Renaissance Restaurant, 12 p.m. (201) 833-7100.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center hosts a support group meeting for those suffering from Gastric Bypass Surgery at Clinic Building, 12 p.m. (732) 235-7760 for time and information.

UNION — The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County, Inc. hosts a breakfast discussion on alcoholism entitled "Taking the Lead" at the Bishop Dougherty University Center on the campus of Saint Nat University, 8:30 a.m. (908) 233-8810.

EDISON — JFK Medical Center hosts a class and discussion on grandparenting, 7 p.m. (732) 321-7000.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

NEW YORK — The Lindesmith Center holds a discussion on the coca leaf plant at the Open Society Institute, 4 p.m. (212) 548-0995.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

NEWARK — The Celeste Bateman & Associates and the International Black Women Congress hosts a seminar black women health entitled "Improving the Health Status of Black Women: Understanding Cultural Belief Systems" at the Sheraton Newark Airport, 8 a.m. (973) 890-5500.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for those suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome at the hospital's board room, 11 a.m. (732) 937-8820.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

MONTCLAIR — The Eastern School of Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine hosts an open house on traditional medicine and therapy, 12 p.m. (973) 746-8717.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a course in lactation and childbirth preparation, 10 a.m. (732) 937-8820.

PRINCETON — The American Diabetes Association hosts the "Tour de Cure," a bicycle ride to raise money for diabetes research. The race takes place at Princeton Borough High School, 7 a.m. (732) 459-7979.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

EDISON — JFK Medical Center hosts a class and discussion on fatherhood, 7 p.m. (732) 321-7000.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a course on hip/knee replacement at the hospital's board room, 3 p.m. (732) 937-8820.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center hosts a blood drive at the hospital's courtyard, 11 a.m. (732) 937-8820.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

WEST ORANGE — The Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation hosts its 1999 Ms. Wheelchair New Jersey Pageant. Call (973) 299-0353 for location and time.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center offers a support group meeting for breast cancer survivors at the hospital's conference room, 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

Cultural beliefs impact on black women's health

NEWARK — The International Black Women's Congress (IBWC), a non-profit, community-based organization headquartered in Newark and founded by Dr. LaFrance Rodgers-Rose, will host a conference entitled "Improving the Health Status of Black Women: Understanding Cultural Belief Systems." The conference is slated for Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12, 1999 at the Newark Airport Sheraton, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day followed by a conference evaluation, focus groups, movement and healing sessions, and networking receptions.

Domestic violence survivors are celebrated

HAZLET — "Because of partnerships between community advocates in Neptune/Asbury Park with the Women's Center of Monmouth County (WCWC), women of color in need of domestic violence and sexual assault services are being served."

The coordinator of the WCWC Neptune/Asbury Park Women of Color Outreach Office made those remarks during a special community partnership celebration at the Neptune Township Municipal Complex. On May 18, community advocates, municipal officials, religious leaders and committed citizens joined the Women's Center of Monmouth County in marking the 1st Anniversary of the Neptune/Asbury Park Women of Color Outreach Office.

The unique Neptune/Asbury Park office offers these services: Outreach and Substance Abuse Counseling, Makeda — A Woman of Color Counseling Support Group, the Municipal Court, Art Therapy, and American Indian — An Healer for Children Surviving Domestic Violence. The Women's Center maintains two toll-free hotlines operating 24 hours a day: Domestic Violence, 1-888-THE-WCWC, and Sexual Assault, 1-888-264-RAISE. Additionally, the Women's Center provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and other programs support for women escaping from family violence.

"We helped create an effective and innovative community collaboration which addresses transportation, space needs, child care and funding realities," said Anna M. Diaz-White, Executive Director. "This outreach service represents the WCWC commitment to provide quality counseling and support to all Monmouth County women."

The special ceremonial program, held in the lobby rotunda of the Neptune Township Municipal Complex, featured West Indian cuisine

Doctors testing less painful way to reduce enlarged prostates

By Linda A. Johnson

TRENTON (AP) — A New Jersey urologist has developed a new procedure for treating enlarged prostates that has shown great promise in trials.

Doctors at a dozen medical centers have begun testing the procedure, which is cheaper and less painful than current techniques.

Dr. Joseph V. DiTollo's procedure, using a device he has patented, could lead to more effective than today's best treatments, according to Dr. Elroy Kursh, a urologist who researches prostate treatments at the Cleveland Clinic, one of the study sites.

Kursh said he foresees the treatment eventually being performed in a doctor's office.

Prostate enlargement, which is not related to cancer, causes bothersome urinary symptoms requiring surgery, medication or other treatment in one-fourth of men by age 80, and nearly all show signs of the disorder by 85. "Everybody's looking for an easy way to treat prostate (enlargement) because so many men have it," said DiTollo, a researcher at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Along with frequent urination and extra-long time tips to the bathroom, the disorder can cause difficulty emptying the bladder as the swollen prostate gland constricts flow of urine through the urethra, around which the gland is wrapped.

Blocked flow of urine can damage kidneys and the bladder. In rare cases, it can be fatal.

DiTollo, an assistant professor of urology at UMDNJ's New Jersey Medical School in Newark, said his procedure, using the InjeX-7 device he patented, can be done in about a half-hour with a local anesthetic, although using a small amount of intravenous sedative is preferable. An overnight hospital stay is not needed.

The device — a customized version of the cystoscope, which urologists use to see inside the bladder — has a long sheath with a cylindrical lens and

each ending from 5 to 10 p.m.

Cultural belief systems of blacks have been neglected by health care providers, clinicians, family counselors and researchers," according to IBWC president, Dr. Rodgers-Rose. "Central to these beliefs is the idea that life is more than what is on earth—it includes the spirit realm. Spirituality, they include beliefs in spirituality, prayer, chanting, laying on of hands, herbal therapies, singing, and faith healing."

The conference brings together a select group of physicians, nurses, and other health practitioners, social sci-

ences, researchers, social workers, religious and community leaders to analyze these belief systems and develop strategies to utilize them to enhance the mental and physical health of black women. These belief systems will be examined from the standpoint of science and research as well as personal experience.

Among the workshop offerings are: "The Social Structure and Black Women's Health," "Community Response to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues," "Faith and Healing: The Role of the Medical

Profession," "Power of the Spoken Word," "Faith Based Healing and the Role of the Church, Rituals," dance, drama, music and healing, and others.

The anticipated outcome of the conference is the formulation of strategies to reduce stress related illnesses, to decrease family violence and substance abuse, to initiate positive behavioral changes through cultural belief practices. Other issues to be examined are AIDS, depression, and anxiety disorders. The conference is designed to generate innovative empirical work.

"This is always a wonderful event, one that everyone looks forward to," says Roslyn Dilligard, RN, oncology clinician and event coordinator. "This is an opportunity for survivors, as well as their families and friends to join together to share their experiences and celebrate," says Diana Hoover, a breast cancer survivor and one of the coordinators.

The participants are primarily members of Columbus Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Hospital auditorium. The group responds to the needs of those who need a place where they can be themselves and work out cancer issues with the help of experts and those who understand because they are facing the same challenges. Members include both patients and family members who are coping with the impact of a cancer diagnosis.

Topics discussed include social issues, sexuality, returning to work after treatment, and more. Participants in group meetings include an oncology clinician, a clinical psychiatric nurse, as well as guest appearances from pharmacists, nutritionists, and oncologists.

For more information on the event or to join the Cancer Support Group, call Roslyn Dilligard at (973) 268-5334, Diana Hoover at (973) 268-1413, or Dina Matos at (973) 268-3674.

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Is your child suffering from depression?

Most of us like to think of childhood as a happy time, free from worry and responsibility. But research shows that children can suffer from depression, an illness once thought to strike only adults.

Sad things happen, people get sick and die, parents divorce. We try to shield our children from these troubles, but we can't. Sometimes, painful life events can lead to depression. Other times, childhood depression caused by biological factors seems to occur for no apparent reason.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, one in ten children age six to twelve suffers from a depressive illness and is unable to escape persistent feelings of sadness.

Early diagnosis and medical treatment are important with depression in children. This illness can cause children to withdraw from others, become lethargic, and lose self-esteem. Their

attention, sadness, and hopelessness may turn into anger or hostility that can lead to aggressive or troublesome behavior.

A child may not recognize or understand why he or she feels sad, or be able to accurately describe his or her feelings.

Children may mask or hide their depressive feelings with aggressive behaviors such as severe, recurrent tantrums. They may start spending more and more time alone. They may demonstrate no interest in activities that were once important to them. Other

children may misbehave at home or school. Depressed children may also talk about suicide or say they wish they were dead. Some may even abuse alcohol or drugs in an attempt to feel better.

Signs and symptoms of childhood depression are the following: persistent sadness; loss of interest in activities once enjoyed; persistent boredom, low energy, fatigue, poor concentration. Significant changes in eating and/or sleeping patterns; frequent complaints of physical ailments such as headaches and stomachaches; increased activity or lethargy; recurring thoughts of death or suicide; low self-esteem; frequent absences from school or a sudden drop in school performance; Volatile or unstable moods; Aggression, refusal to cooperate; temper tantrums, antisocial behavior; use of alcohol or other drugs.

Professional help should be considered if symptoms last more than a few weeks, or if the child becomes dangerous to himself or others. The first step in seeking treatment is undergoing a complete diagnostic evaluation. Only a licensed physician or psychologist can make a diagnosis of a psychiatric disorder.

Frequently, parents whose children suffer from depression blame themselves. Since the causes of depression are complex and not due to any single factor, there is no need to struggle with these types of questions. Help your child by educating yourself and seeking professional medical treatment.

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NEWARK — Newark Symphony Hall presents the gospel musical "Lord, Why Do I Keep Choosing the Wrong Man," 8 p.m. (973) 543-5509.

NEW YORK — Jazz at Lincoln Center presents the New York City Ballet tribute to legendary composer Duke Ellington at the New York State Theater inside Lincoln Center, 8 p.m. (212) 875-5599.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

NEW YORK — Audrey Ross, Inc. presents an all-star dance concert featuring Joan Miller's Dance Players at Martin Luther King High School, 7:30 p.m. (212) 586-3500.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

NEWARK — New Jersey Arts & Music Festival opens. The Temptations, The Neville Brothers, Koko Taylor & her Blues Machine, Felix Hernandez' Rhythm Revue and more. Through June 6. (608) GO-NJAPAC.

NEW YORK — Jazz at Lincoln Center presents the New York City Ballet commemorating the work of legendary composer Duke Ellington at the New York State Theater, 8 p.m. (212) 875-5599.

SOUTH AMBOY — Club Bene presents singer and songwriter Phil Perry 9 p.m. (732) 727-3000.

NEWARK — The Fashion Dome presents "The Dome After Dark" International Fashion Show at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), 8 p.m. (973) 242-0444.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

NEW YORK — A musical prelude to the Puerto Rican Day parade jumpstarts the annual festivities with a presentation of songs from the musical "Toys Without Children." Museum of the City of New York, 2 p.m. (212) 534-1672 ext.257.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

MADISON — The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival presents the Shakespeare comedy "As You Like It" at the P.M. Kiro Shakespeare Theater, 8 p.m. (973) 408-3276.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

NEW YORK — The Port Authority Cultural Department presents a salsa dance party at the Austin J. Tobin Plaza at the World Trade Center beginning at 6 p.m. (212) 435-4170.

NEWARK — The African Globe Theater Works presents the August Wilson's critical acclaim play "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" at the African Globe Theater located inside Newark Symphony Hall, 8 p.m. (973) 626-1384.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

STATEN ISLAND, NY — The Snug Harbor Cultural Center presents the 13th Annual Harmony Street Fair, 12 p.m. (718) 448-2500.

Samuel L. Jackson is a new figure in 'Star Wars' saga

By Marie Moore

(NMPA) — Actor Samuel L. Jackson has fulfilled a life-long dream in his portrayal of Mace Windu, a member of the Jedi Council in George Lucas' new "Star Wars" saga "Episode I: The Phantom Menace." Although he had a very small part in the film and spent only three days on the set, he was part of the big press junket that took place in New York City.

Wearing his signature Kangol hat



Samuel L. Jackson stars as Mace Windu

turned backwards, a black short-sleeved shirt, loose-fitting cream-colored pants, and rose colored rectangular glasses, Jackson stroled coolly into the room at the Regency Hotel.

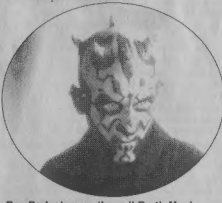
Underneath Jackson's calm countenance lies a very excited man. Of the many millions of "Star Wars" fans, only a select few can boast that he or she has appeared in one of Lucas' landmark films.

Seeing "Star Wars" for the first time

at the age of 22-years-old, Jackson said he knew then he wanted to be involved in that series. Word of his interest eventually got back to Lucas, and they finally met. Although Lucas couldn't guarantee him a big role, Jackson was not discouraged. He said he would play any character.

"I said, 'I don't care. You don't understand. I'll do whatever. I'll be a Stormtrooper.'"

"Then we just started talking about a lot of other things, and why he hadn't done a film in 20 years. We just ended up liking each other as people. And, I guess, through that he ended up giving me this particular role."



Ray Park stars as the evil Darth Maul.



Jake Lloyd as Anakin Skywalker

That "particular role" of Mace Windu, Jackson proudly professed, was the "first character name [Lucas] ever wrote" when he started writing the "Star Wars" prequel.

Over a year ago, Jackson made headlines when he took aim at the Academy Awards for being racist. After I asked him if at this point in his career appearing in a "Star Wars" film had more weight than an Oscar, he appeared to be a bit perturbed. Jackson said in a fair world, he would have received Oscars for "Pulp Fiction," "A Time to Kill" and "Jungle Fever."

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Blackstreet: finally where they've always wanted to be

By Gilda N. Square

It's midnight on a chilly winter Thursday night in the dimly-lit Future Recording Studios in Virginia Beach. Four young men sit calmly and silently, as they each collect themselves after recording the last song on what will be their third album. They are naturally both apprehensive and anxious about the finished product because, like each of their previous albums, they've stretched beyond the norm with their vocals, the direction of the music and the intensity and deliberation of their message. It's about love and romance. It's about spirituality. It's about inner struggle. It's about peace. From the hard-hitting beats of "Girlfriend/Boyfriend" to the thought-provoking lyrics of "Butter's Prayer" to the emotionally charged "I'm Sorry," Blackstreet tugs at the heart and probes the mind with their latest dose of R&B.

Doing something different is a chance that Blackstreet has always taken, but this time it's different. It's different because they feel they've reached a high point - a comfort zone - in the six-year history of Blackstreet. This third, very prolific album is the defining chapter of Blackstreet which puts forth a message and music with which each of the group's members express great consensus. Blackstreet is Teddy, Chauncey, Eric and Terrell - a complete and whole unit. A team. In Teddy Riley's own words, "This is the CD we've always wanted to make." Finally.

Blackstreet member Chauncey Hannibal says that Finally was inspired by a number of things, one being Terrell Phillips, who came to the group following the departure of Mark Middleton. "We feel that we've gotten the fourth and final member of Blackstreet, someone who completes the team. Secondly, this album is a nice balance

between our first and second albums, yet still different. I think that it will have to grow on people, but they'll adjust and begin to appreciate what Finally has to

offer, just as they did with 'No Diggy.'

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BlackStreet (l-r) Teddy Riley, Eric Williams, Terrell Phillips and Chauncey Hannibal.

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Information packages will be available and can be picked up at all interested parties at the Housing Authority Office, 15 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Proposals must be submitted in triplicate and received no later than FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1999, 1:00 p.m. prevailing time. The Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in any proposal, and to reject any and all proposals, and to accept such proposals and make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF GRANT FUNDS
NJ KidCare Outreach and Enrollment campaign. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is announcing the availability of grant funds to implement a NJ KidCare Outreach and Enrollment campaign. This notice, with additional detail, is also available on the Department of Human Services website (www.state.nj.us/humanservices) and the May 17, 1999, New Jersey Register.

The Division is planning to use approximately \$1 million of Title XXI administration funds over two years (FY 2000 and 2001) to implement outreach and enrollment campaign for NJ KidCare. The Division will use the money to pay grantee applicants for identifying and assisting families to complete the NJ KidCare application process. DMAHS will also provide small up-front awards to successful applicants.

Consideration will be given to public and private provider entities or associations that have an established linkage to families in the community. Applicants must demonstrate that they can provide services statewide either directly or through collaboration with other agencies. Successful applicants will be reimbursed \$25 for each completed and approved NJ KidCare application. Funds will be available July 1, 1999.

Applicants may be requested from the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Office of NJ KidCare, PO Box 712, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0712. Telephone requests for the application will be made to (609) 585-3528. Grant applications must be returned no later than June 8, 1999.

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City Sports

CITY NEWS B6

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Scorecard Commentary The NHL in black & white

By Jean H. Pierre

It's a Sunday afternoon at the Pierre house, and what better way to spend it than doing the job I hate most: The lawn. After doing the job, I flip-flop between the Knicks' Heat basketball game and the Red Wings-Avalanche hockey contest. My brother — a man of many opinions — took me to ask for watching the sport on skates. I said, "It's something to watch while the other game is in commercial. Besides, I like hockey." If you're getting over the shock of me saying that I watch hockey, don't be surprised because "times are a-changin'."

The sport of hockey has been around since the turn of the century. In Canada, the sport's origin, it's treated as a God. In the States, it's like... OK. With stars like Jaromir Jagr, Eric Lindros, and the recently retired Wayne "The Great One" Gretzky — the fastest players in professional sports hustling and tussling on the ice. Here, one goal could decide whether you are a winner or a loser. In the suburbs, kids young and old are doing just that with organized programs from the school and community level. But what about the urban centers? Mention the sport to boys on the playground and you are viewed as an endangered species. "Who would want to play that sport," said Malik Turner of East Orange. "There are no black players. The only thing that is black is the puck. Please!"

Actually, black players have made the grade on the ice. Since the NHL's inception in 1917, there have been 13 black players to skate on the frozen pond. One of the most famous participants was Willie O'Ree, who became the first black hockey player in 1958 with the Boston Bruins. Since then, the number has dwindled. Of the 700 players in the NHL today, only three are black: Anson Carter of the Bruins, Mike Grier of the Edmonton Oilers and veteran goaltender Grant Fuhr of the St. Louis Blues. Is it that the climate of the sport, being so "white" the reason for the decline? Or maybe we're prone to gravitate toward sports — basketball, football and baseball — that have accepted us? "The weakness of the league is bringing the game to the minority community," says Chico Rech, radio hockey analyst for the New Jersey Devils. "There's some but not a lot. You'd be surprised by the curiosity of the game from the people in those communities." The New York Rangers created a program called "Hockey in Harlem," where they not only introduce the players to the fans, how do they expect to attract us," said avid sports fan Mike Johnson, a communications major at Rutgers University in Newark. "The only thing I like about hockey is the uniforms and fights. What else is there?"

Hockey may be somewhat on the "outside," but that shouldn't stop anyone from getting involved. If the NHL wants to increase its visibility — with hockey ranking only fourth among major sports in North America — it should change the mind set from the top to bottom.

With the strides we've made in the world of football, baseball, and basketball, hockey should be the next step. Yes, racism does exist, but there was a time when the other three sports wouldn't allow blacks to step foot on the field.

Sooner or later we could be saying, "he shoots and scores!"

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Plainfield to host free health fair and soccer tournament

PLAINFIELD — The 10th annual Heritage Invitational Soccer Tournament and Health Fair will be held July 24 and 25 in Sovereign Park, East Orange, and Aug. 28 and 29 in Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield. Residents of both communities can either stop by the parks to watch some 450 players from about 30 men's and youth teams compete in exciting six-on-six soccer matches, or drop in to receive free health care information and services.

The events are being organized by Our Family Circle Foundation (OFC), a non-profit community based organization whose purpose is to strengthen and educate inner city families by promoting social, humanitarian, educational and health awareness issues. The tournaments will feature a men's open division and a men's over-35 division (masters). Boys teams in the U-16 and U-17 teams and girls team in the U-14 and U-15 will be competing.

The games feature the strengths of outdoor soccer and the speed of indoor soccer. They are played simultaneously on fields measuring 60 feet long and 30 feet wide, half the size of a regulation pitch.

"The tournament utilizes soccer to provide a discipline and now have the added value of an extensive health and safety fair that provides important screenings and awareness information," said Andrew Davis, a spokesman for the event. Participants of the Aug. 28-29 Heritage Invitational Soccer Tournament and Health Fair will be able to top by one of the health screening areas and have their cholesterol, blood pressure, glucose, body fat, eye-sight and hearing checked by an expert. Or parents can step into a mobile unit to have a child immunized.

The free services will be offered through a number of on-site mobile units and medical kiosks, staffed by professionals from a number of local health care systems and Plainfield-based clinics. All this takes place as some 30 men's and youth teams square off in exciting soccer matches nearby.

So when the action stops, participants can also gather information on health topics that range from colon and breast cancer to cardiac care, and attend free seminars on a range of topics such as chiropractic care, treating sport injuries and stress management.

Visitors to the weekend event will also have the opportunity to get on the road to a healthier diet by consulting with an on-site nutritionist.

In addition to screenings, other programs to be represented include burn prevention and fire escape techniques. Other topics to be covered include neighborhood watch, self-defense, crime and drug prevention, early child-care and nutrition.

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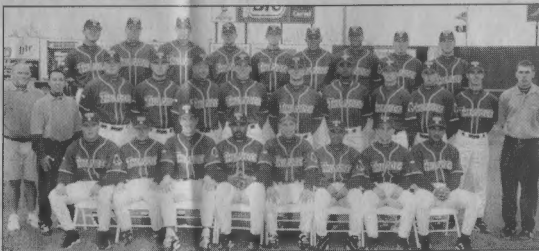
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Competitors take each other to the limit in last year's annual Heritage Invitational soccer tournament.



Trenton Thunder comes storming through the Garden State with a remarkable 1999 season.

Trenton Thunder is a bang with fans

By Paul Nelson

From Sussex to Somerset and beyond, minor league baseball teams are a big hit. In only their fifth year of existence, the Trenton Thunder is waging another successful campaign at Mercer County Waterfront Park in the state capital.

The Boston Red Sox affiliate sits atop the Northern division of the Eastern League with a 24-11 mark as of May 15.

"Our team has a good mix of speed, power and versatility," said manager DeMarlo Hale. "We have twelve players with versatility."

Hale in his third year with the team says he's pleased with the play of his guys so far and more importantly likes the camaraderie they share.

"The older players have taken the young guys under their wings and are helping them along in their development. At this stage of the game that's what's important: player development and instilling a good work ethic," stressed Hale.

Absent are the million-dollar salaries and household names, but the motivation is a shot to ultimately make it to the Big Leagues. Perhaps the best known Thunder alumni now enjoying success in the majors is shortstop Nomar Garciaparra who played in Trenton four years ago.

With roughly a hundred games still to play, Hale remains guardedly optimistic that the team can capture a championship at seasons end in September.

"It's still too early to make any predictions but I think we'll be in the hunt if we compete nightly, play hard and the team stays intact," Hale said.

Minor league players who excel will most often be promoted to the next level (Triple A) en route to the majors. It's a dream that only a select few realize and the Thunder have at least three players who have a legitimate chance of playing big league ball.

Second baseman David Eckstein is a dependable leadoff man who has a penchant for getting on base.

"We never feel like we're out of a game," said Eckstein. The 24-year old says the key to continued success for the Thunder is to remain consistent, make the necessary adjustments and do all the little things that win games.

Catcher Shea Hillenbrand continues to impress with his play. He has hit in 20 of 27 thunder games and is second on the team with ten doubles.

Another player enjoying a fine year is Israel Alcantara who is the definition of power. He leads the team in both home runs and runs batted in.

"I feel good about the season so far and hope to continue playing well throughout the season," said Alcantara through an interpreter.

Hale says he would be remiss if he didn't give credit to his coaching staff which he says does a helluva job in preparing the team.

The success of the Thunder has also revitalized the downtown area and spawned a rebirth of businesses.

Anyone interested in getting tickets and information can contact the Thunder box office.

Amidst the turmoil, Knicks hope to keep pace with Indiana

By Gregory Moore

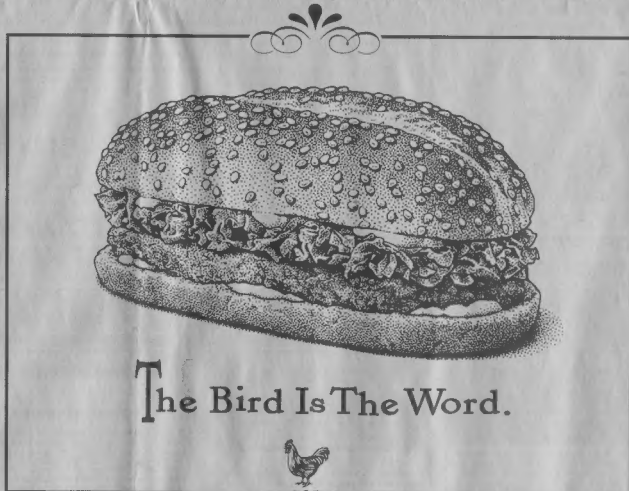
The Knicks continued their roller coaster of a season by advancing to the Eastern Conference finals by sweeping the Atlanta Hawks. The Knicks, who are now facing Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers, have all that they can handle both on and off the court.

Off the court, Knicks president Dave Checkley still has yet to give Jeff Van Gundy a well-deserved vote of confidence, and has created distractions which last month he attempted to avert by firing former general manager Eric Grunfeld.

Although Grunfeld's acquisitions of Latrell Sprewell and Marcus Camby have since been vindicated by the play of the Knicks, Grunfeld's character took a hit when it was reported that he may have been the source of leaks regarding Van Gundy's lack of job security.

On the court, the Knicks are facing a Pacers team that, in past seasons, used to mirror the Knicks with their mental and physical toughness, tenacity, and rough-and-tumble style of play. This season, the Pacers are clearly the best team in the Eastern Conference, and are loaded with a team of experienced, rugged veterans like Antonio Davis, Dale Davis, Reggie Miller and Chris Mullin, who still employ the "grind it out method" to win games. The Knicks, on the other hand, who for the first time in several seasons bring in a team minus Charles Oakley and John Starks, offer an interesting contrast to the Pacers.

In order to compete against the Pacers, two players hold the keys to Knicks success—Sprewell and Camby. Sprewell must get out on the wing and accumulate easy transition baskets. Camby must hit the boards, block shots and attempt to fill at least a part of the defensive void created by the departure of Oakley. If the Knicks can dictate tempo, and if Camby, Dudley and Ewing can offset the Pacers' inside players, the Knicks can compete. However, in the final analysis, it appears as if the Pacers have just too many weapons to be denied by the less-starring Knicks. Despite a valiant effort, the Pacers will win the series in six games.



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